WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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A fireplace comprising:

- (a) a firebox;
- (b) a front wall fastened to the firebox wherein the firebox and front wall define a combustion chamber; and
 - (c) \(\) a shelf pivotally mounted to the front wall about a horizontal axis.

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- 2. The fireplace according to claim 1 wherein the shelf is configured to pivot between a closed position, wherein the shelf is positioned adjacent to the front wall in a substantially parallel plane and an open position, wherein the shelf is positioned substantially perpendicular to the front wall.
- 3. The fixeplace according to claim 2 wherein the combustion chamber remains enclosed by the front wall and firebox when the shelf is in an open position.
- 4. The fireplace according to claim 1 further comprising doors pivotally mounted to the front wall about a vertical axis.
- 5. The fireplace according to claim 1 further comprising doors pivotally mounted to the firebox about a vertical axis.
- 6. The fireplace according to claim 1 wherein the front wall is fastened to the firebox to form a substantially airtight seal.

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